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(Dawson House)  
101 N. Hamilton St.

French Creole House, St. Francis & Lawrence Sts.  
Mobile, Alabama

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

There are a number of Creole houses in Mobile which stand within a small section of the city and have a distinct New Orleans air about them.

This dwelling, as well as house 16-21A, is a one and a half storey frame house, raised on a high brick base. A veranda extends over the front part of the basement and the entrance stairs rise at the end of the veranda.

The "Madame John's Legacy" in New Orleans is similar to this type of Mobile dwelling.<sup>1</sup>

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1. See illustration: Curtis, N. C., New Orleans, p. 102. On page 219, Curtis writes: "the ground floor becomes a sort of raised basement, built at the grade level and containing all the rooms ordinarily found in a cellar, such as the laundry and store-rooms. Very often, too, the dining-room was in this lower storey... The most distinctive feature was the broad veranda, and this, in view of climatic conditions, became virtually an outdoor living-room... Outside staircases gave direct access to this veranda at one or more places."

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